

Diseases of the Heart. By John Cowan, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.F.P.S., Professor of Medicine, Anderson's College Medical School; Physician, Royal Infirmary; Lecturer in Clinical Medicine in the University of Glasgow; Examiner in Medicine, Royal Army Medical College. Octavo, 458 pages, with 199 illustrations. Cloth, \$4.00, net. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1914.

This volume has a distinct place in recent medical literature and brings very satisfactorily under one cover the newer outlook on the pathological physiology of the heart. It is a most intelligible exposition of the subject put forward in such a readable fashion that even those utterly unversed in the special knowledge of the heart, may approach it not only without fear but even with pleasurable anticipation. The form of the volume is most convenient, and the numerous tracings and diagrams supplied are apt and well chosen. Quite correctly, the subject of vascular diseases, is not comprehensively covered, and it seems rational that in the newer text books and monographs, cardiac diseases and vascular diseases will be treated under separate covers.

Naturally, this volume must suffer from the criticism due any volume on the subject published at this particular era. Owing to the vast amount of research going on, and the small amount of matter as yet made quite clear, such volumes are quickly out of date and need revision and addition almost as soon as they are printed. The reviewer is quite certain that Dr. Cowan will supply a revised edition shortly, and from the promise given by the present book, the new one should also be of great value.

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Modern Medicine. Its Theory and Practice. In Original Contributions by American and Foreign Authors. Edited by Sir William Osler, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Medicine in Oxford University, England; formerly Professor of Medicine in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and in McGill University, Montreal; and Thomas McRae, M. D., Professor of Medicine in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London; formerly Associate Professor of Medicine in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. In five octavo volumes of about 1,000 pages each. Volume IV. Diseases of the Circulatory System; Diseases of the Blood; Diseases of the Lymphatic System; Diseases of the Ductless Glands; Vasomotor and Trophic Disorders. Just ready. Price per volume, cloth, \$5.00, net; half morocco, \$7.00, net. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1915.

Volume IV shows a slight change from that of the previous edition by the addition to this volume of the section on the ductless glands and that on vasomotor disorders. Of exceptional interest is the admirable article on cardiac mechanism by Thomas Lewis. It is perhaps the clearest summary yet published of the results of recent work on heart action and their clinical application. The chapter on congenital heart lesions by Maud E. Abbott has been enlarged and is indeed exhaustive. That on blood by Cabot shows revision and minor changes throughout. Longcope's able article on Hodgkin's Disease gives an unchanged prognosis despite the recent work on its etiology and treatment. In the present volume the spleen is grouped not with the lymphatic system but among the ductless glands. The articles upon the latter are brief, but a trifle disappointing. Pratt's chapter on hemophilia is brought well up to date with an excellent discussion of the newer theories of coagulation. The articles in this volume are of high grade.

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SOCIETY REPORTS

FRESNO COUNTY.

The Fresno County Medical Society has held three well attended meetings this year on the first Tuesdays of January, February and March.

At the February meeting the following officers were chosen: President, Dr. J. L. Maupin; First Vice-President, Dr. R. M. Jones; Secretary, Dr. L. R. Willson; Assistant Secretary, Dr. C. D. Sweet; Treasurer, Dr. F. M. Hayden; Delegate to the State Society, Dr. C. O. Mitchell.

At the same meeting the routine business of the Society was placed in the hands of a board of five governors, one of whom is to be elected each year to serve five years. Dr. G. H. Aiken was elected to this board for one year, Dr. D. H. Trowbridge for two years, Dr. W. F. Barr for three years, Dr. J. R. Walker for four years, and Dr. L. R. Willson for five years.

After the election, two very interesting papers on Eugenics and The Ring to Ring Incision in Hernia were read by Dr. Harry M. Sherman of San Francisco.

At the February meeting Dr. C. O. Mitchell gave a talk on Asiatic Cholera, and Dr. C. D. Sweet exhibited some cases of bronchial gland tuberculosis with radiograms.

This month Dr. B. F. Walker of Stockton, who has lately returned from service in a French Red Cross Hospital, told us of his experiences in a most interesting manner; and Dr. R. M. Jones exhibited a case of tabes. Drs. George L. Long of Fresno and James Allen McKenny of Parlier were elected to membership. Twenty dollars was subscribed to aid the California Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Dr. C. D. Sweet was appointed to report each meeting of the Society to the State Journal.

On Tuesday, April 6, the regular monthly meeting of the Society was held in the offices of Drs. Anderson and Pettis, with thirty-eight members and visitors present.

Dr. C. L. A. Rinker of Madera was elected to membership.

A motion was passed to use every endeavor to have the 1916 Annual Meeting of the State Society in Fresno.

A committee was appointed to confer with the Fresno County Bar Association in regard to a future joint meeting.

Resolutions commending the work of Dr. L. R. Willson as City Health Officer, and asking the Mayor and City Board of Health to continue him in office, were passed.

The scientific program consisted of a paper on A New Procedure for Correction of Retrodisplacement of the Uterus, by Dr. S. H. Buteau of Oakland; and A Discussion of Various Procedures for Correction of Retrodisplacement, illustrated by lantern slides, by Dr. C. A. Dukes of Oakland. Both parts of the program were much enjoyed, and the members of the Society feel greatly indebted to Drs. Buteau and Dukes.

After the usual social hour the Society adjourned.

CLIFFORD D. SWEET, Asst. Secretary.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EYE AND EAR SECTION.

The monthly meeting of the Eye and Ear section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association was held in the office of Dr. Frank W. Miller, 1020 Merchants' National Bank Bldg., at 8 o'clock in the evening of April 5th.

The Chairman, Dr. Hill Hastings, presided.

Clinical cases were exhibited by the following: Dr. C. G. Stivers—Double ethmoid exenteration showing the orifices of the sphenoid sinuses. A previous operation by a Boston Rhinologist was followed by a small septal perforation through which the patient could whistle at will, and often-